



# HCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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## New School Year is Around the Corner

We are officially in the start of another school year in Henry County Schools. We are excited to welcome students and families back this coming August. It is an exciting time to be in Henry County Schools as we are on an ambitious pursuit of becoming the fastest improving and highest achieving school district in the metro-Atlanta region while prioritizing and being known for student connectivity and belief in student capability. Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

The start of another school year is here!



## Strategic Priorities Status Updated

Back in April of 2018, Superintendent Davis and the board members adopted a set of strategic priorities that district leaders have been working through since that time. Dr. Carl Knowlton, Chief of Staff, was able to provide an update to the community on much of the progress and many of the successes recently reflected on by the board.

In his report to the board, Dr. Knowlton focused on the work that has been completed and goals that have been accomplished, while sharing that there is still work to be done. He also referenced a published report that is available in greater detail for

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES STATUS REPORT

JULY 15, 2019

HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS



BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## Better together.

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### District Strategic Priorities

#### Unify

Unify Henry County around excellence in public education.

#### Strengthen

Strengthen our core business of student learning.

#### Ensure

Ensure a high performing environment for all students.





## Strategic Priorities Status Updated (continued)

public consumption at the following link [Strategic Priorities Report](#).

This report will be updated periodically to provide timely updates to the important work and accomplishments of the board.

Board Member Annette Edwards added, “Lots of good things have been going on with this board, and I’m really appreciative that we are meeting the needs of all students where they are. That is important to me. I am excited about this work and where we will be in the next 18-24 months.”

Board Chair Josh Hinton shared, “I’m excited as well, and this board has come a long ways in the last two to three years, and we have laid a lot of groundwork in the last 18 months that will propel us ahead of other districts in the next 2 or 3 years. I’m proud of everybody coming together and buying in and getting behind the work as well. There are exciting times to come.

## #BeReadyDay1

Kirk Shrum, Chief School Leadership Officer, took time to present the board with information centered on the preparation our school system has been undergoing to #BeReadyDay1. Thanks to cross-divisional collaboration and support from the Board of Education, 43,000 students, 5,000 employees, and 400 newly-hired teachers will be ready to dive right into the teaching and learning on the first days of school. Well before the end of the 2018-19 school year, district and school leaders have been hard at work ensuring that everything is lined up, in place, and ready to go to make the first day of school exceptional for all students and their families. From transportation information, to clean and renovated buildings, to opportunities to enroll students and fill out important documents ahead of the first day of school, Henry County Schools is ready and we want our new families to be ready, too. There are still opportunities to enroll before the first day by visiting the school for which your family is zoned. Schools across the district will also be holding open house events on Tuesday, July 30. High schools will be open from 1-3 p.m., middle schools from 3-5 p.m., and elementary schools from 5-7 p.m.

# #BeReadyDay1



## Code of Conduct Complete

After months of conducting public forums and soliciting community and education professionals’ feedback, the 2019-20 Code of Conduct comprehensive review and approval process is finished. Nicole Holcomb, Executive Director of Legal Compliance, and Megan Pearson, Legal Counsel, shared with the board the conforming changes made to existing board policies that align with the updated Code of Conduct. While the Code of Conduct was approved last month, there were a few questions they were able to provide clarity to for our board members.

The new Code of Conduct can be found by [clicking here](#).

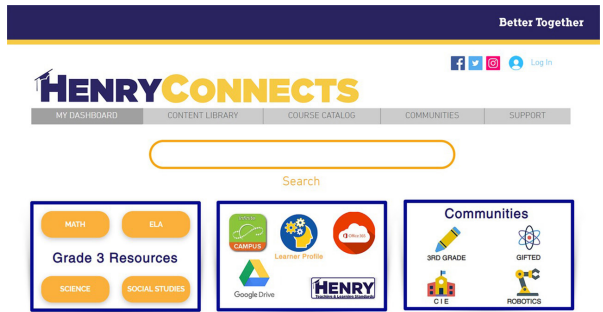
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## HenryConnects Links with Development Partner

Dr. Brian Blanton, Chief Information Officer, updated the board on the progress toward providing a digital ecosystem, one-stop-shop for employees, students, and, eventually, families. This unique tool will bundle many of the resources utilized by the identified stakeholder groups into one location for easy retrieval and management. This will serve as the foundation that integrates legacy student information and data systems with core teaching, learning, and assessment systems to provide students, teachers, and parents a customizable, single-interface to our resources. The Information Services Division completed the RFP and bid review process by recommending Schoology as the vendor of choice. The board unanimously approved the recommendation, and work will now begin to fully develop and implement this concept for our district.



## Other Agenda Items

The following items were also unanimously approved as a part of the consent agenda for the evening meeting:

- Perkins Grant Application – Requires annual board approval to obtain funds to improve or expand career education and improve student academic and technical performance.
- Multi-purpose Gym Addition to Stockbridge HS Bid Tabulation – The lowest bidder for the latest multi-purpose gym project was Litchky Commercial Construction at a cost of \$4.9 million.
- Surplus Equipment and Supplies Resolution – Requires board approval in order to start and complete the process of selling surplus items to the public through a government website.
- Sick Leave Bank Committee Update – Two new members were approved to complete the seven-member review committee.

## Awards and Recognition for Students and Staff



National History Day Winners



## Leadership on the Move

Name	New Position/Location	Former Position/Location
Tracy Blackburn	<u>Assistant Superintendent</u> Elementary Schools	<u>Principal</u> Rock Spring Elementary
Nicole Shaw	<u>Assistant Superintendent</u> High Schools	<u>Principal</u> Dutchtown High School
Gabe Cerie	<u>Executive Director</u> School Leadership & Operations	<u>Principal</u> Eagle's Landing High School
Amanda Cavin	<u>Principal</u> Ola Elementary	<u>Assistant Principal</u> Austin Road Elementary
Brian Mincey	<u>Assistant Principal</u> Fairview Elementary	<u>School Psychologist</u> District Office
Clifton Nicholson	<u>Assistant Principal</u> Tusahaw Elementary	<u>Principal</u> Davie Elementary/Rome, GA
Corletha Varian	<u>Assistant Principal</u> East Lake Elementary	<u>Personalized Learning Coach</u> District Office
Charlie Walker	<u>Assistant Principal</u> Eagle's Landing Middle School	<u>Director/Dean of Students</u> DuBois Integrity Academy
Michelle Williams	<u>Assistant Principal</u> Rocky Creek Elementary	<u>Personalized Learning Coach</u> Bethlehem Elementary
April Brown	Retiring (August 2019)	Director of Family Services





## Board Member Remarks



**Dr. Pam Nutt**  
District 1

Dr. Nutt was not present for the July Study Session or Business Session meetings.



**Josh Hinton**  
Board Chair  
District 2

Mr. Hinton thanked all the employees for their work in preparing for this upcoming school year. He wished everyone a good end to the summer.



**Holly Cobb**  
Board Vice Chair  
District 3

Mrs. Cobb thanked everyone for coming tonight and noted her excitement for this upcoming school year. She recognized Amani Jones (Ola HS) for her wrestling accomplishments, most recently winning national accolades for wrestling. She also recognized the National History Day competitors from Henry County MS -

- o Kira Warren - Henry County Middle
- o Jayda Hendrickson - Henry County Middle
- o Kaitlyn Gordon - Henry County Middle.



**Sophe Pope**  
District 4

Mrs. Pope thanked everyone for their attendance. She noted her excitement for this upcoming year and all the work that has gone into preparing for the new year. She wished everyone a great rest of the summer and told them to expect great things in the coming year!



**Annette Edwards**  
District 5

Mrs. Edwards noted her recent trip to tour the new schools - McDonough high and middle. She also remarked about the construction of the new Performing Arts Center in Fairview. She congratulated all the graduates for 2019. She also thanked all employees for the work they do for the district.



**Mary Elizabeth Davis**  
Superintendent

Supt. Davis shared her excitement for the coming school year as well. She reflected back on the young student, Kenzo, whose story of success was shared during the Study Session. She also continued to share the district's focus of becoming the fastest improving and highest achieving district in the metro Atlanta region while prioritizing and being known for student connectivity and belief in student capability. She wished everyone a great end to their summer.